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In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent and Merciful!

Assalamun Alaikum WRWB

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam! The following excerpts, I have taken from my upcoming book titled "The commentary to Furqan-E-Azim" which soon is going to be published and even uploaded on the website. I hope the small piece of this information meet a bit to your need about the Muwaddata Fil-Qurba'a as it has been enjoined upon us by Allah (SWT) himself in His Holy Book. Furthermore, I wish to inform you that this article has purely been written in the light of Holy al-Qur'aan, the Prophetic Sunnah (traditions) derived from our own Ahl ul-Sunnat Wa al-Jama'at's famous and trustworthy books. Should you need anything more on this issue, feel free to ask me, and I will try my level best to answer. Since this article is not a copyright protected one yet, hence you are kindly urged to forward it verbatim to as many as you can. Moreover, I cordially welcome and look forward to your kind suggestions and/or comments so that I may further improve myself; therefore, if you wish so, you could send me an Email at the following Email Address:

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Chapter: Muwaddata Fil-Quraba'a

Sura Shūrā 42:23

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ ۖ وَمَن يَقْتَرِفْ حَسَنَةً نَّزِدْ لَهُ شُكُورًا فِيهَا حُسْنًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ

Eng. Translation: Say: "No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin." And if any one earns any good, we shall give him an increase of good in respect thereof: for Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most ready to appreciate (service). (Sura Shūrā 42:23, Abdullah Yusuf Ali).

Now let us go through the commentaries of this verse by distinguished and renowned Commentators: For Instance Tabari, ar-Razhi, al-Zamakhshari, Ibn abi Hatim, as-Suyuti, al-Thalabi and so on:

Recorded by several renowned Qur'anic commentators in their respective works and ar-Razi Ibn abi Hatim (RA) in his Tafseer Qur'aan al-Azeem under the H. No. 18477 through a long chain of narrators up to Hadrat Abdullah ibn Abbas (RA) that He (Ibn Abbas) narrated, referring to this Verse: When this verse revealed, the Companions (RAA) asked The Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) : *O Messenger of Allah! Who are the people amongst your relatives whose Love Allah (SWT) enjoins upon us?* The Holy Prophet (SAWS) replied: **Ali, Fatima and their sons.**

Following are the some of the major Books of the Qura'anic commentaries and traditions, in which the "Above-mentioned Event" with no or slight variations in the words of its contents have been recorded:

1. Kitab al-Arbaeen Fi Usool al-Deen by Imam al-Razhi, P.457.
2. Tafseer Ibn Abi Hatim, V10, P. 3277, H.No. 18477.
3. Ahkam al-Qur'aan by Imam Abi Bakr al-Jassas al-Hanafi, V3,P.386
4. Al-Nuktu WA al-Uyoon, Tafseer al-Mawardi, V6,P.168
5. Munaqib Ibn Maghazili P. 375, H. No. 352.
6. Tafseer Dhur al-Manthoor by Hafiz Imam Abdurrehman Jalauddin as-Suyuti (RA) V7, P.346-348.
7. Tafseer Mujahid, P.244 {(He says that this verse revealed in connection of "the adoration" of the relatives and kins of the Holy Prophet (SAWS))}
8. Asbab al-Nuzool by Imam al-Suyuti, P.293
9. Tafseer "al-Kashaf al-Bayan" by Hafiz Abu Ishaq al- Thalabi, V8, P.311, under the commentary of verse 42:23 of Quran.
10. Maani al-Quran, by Hafiz Abi Jafar an-Nahas, V2, P.1131
11. Tafsir Jamie al-Bayan by Ibn Jarir al-Tabari, under verse 42:23
12. Tafseer Jamie Ahkam al-Quran by al-Qurtubi (RA) V2, P.2740
13. Tafsir al-Kashshaf, by al-Zamakhshari, under commentary of verse 42:23.
14. Tafseer Abi al-Muzaffar al-Sama'ani, V1, P.80
15. Tafseer Khazin Baghdadi, V6, 122
16. Tafseer al-Baghawi, V6, 122
17. Tafseer al-Qur'aan by Abi al-Saud al-Hanafi, V5, P.527
18. Tafseer "Bamadarik al-Tanzeel al-Nasaifi, V3,P.292
19. Nuzm Durar as-Simtain by Hafiz Jamaluddin az-Zarandi P.144 and 286
20. Tafsir al-Baidhawi, under the commentary of verse 42:23 of Quran
21. Tafseer Gharaeb al-Qur'aan, V6, P.174
22. Tafsir al-Kalbi, Part 4, P. 20, under the commentary of verse 42:23 of Quran
23. Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, in connection with verse 42:23
24. Zhakha'ir al-Uqba, by Muhibbuddin al-Tabari, P.33,39,62,63 and 239
25. Musnad Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, V1, P 374, H. No. 2603 (Old V1, P.286)
26. Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal, H.No. 1141, V2, P.832
27. Al-Sawa'iq al-Muhriqah, by Ibn Hajar Haythami, P. 258-260 and 340.
28. Shawahid al-Tanzeel, Hakim Hasakani, al-Hanafi, V2, P.132
29. Mutalib as-Sool by Sheikh Kamaluddin Mohd ibn Talha as-Shafaie, P.25.
30. Tafsir al-Kabir, by Fakhr al-Din al-Razi, V9, P.595.
31. Al-Muajjam al-Kabir by Tabarani, V3, P.47, H. No. 2641

32. Manaqib by Imam Ahmed bin Hanbal (RA)
33. Manaqib al-Asad ul-Ghalib by Ibn al-Jazri, P.22
34. Majma al-Zawaid by Ibn Hajr al-Haythemi V9, P.168
35. Fateh al-Bayan fi Maqasid al-Qur'aan by Abi Tayyab Imam Siddique bin Hasan al-Kannauji al-Bukhari V6, P. 199.
36. Noor ul-Absaar, P. 154 and 156
37. Is'aaf al-Raghibeen by Ibn al-Sabaan, P. 114
38. al-Fusool al-Muhimma by Imam Sheikh Ali bin Muhammed al-Maliki al-Makki famous as "Ibn Sabbagh", P. 152
39. Yanabie al-Muwadda by Sheikh al-Qundoozi al-Hanafi, P. 173
40. Zad al-Museer fi Ilm ut-Tafseer by al-Imam Abi Faraj ibn al-Jawzi P. 1268.
41. Tafseer Rooh al-Mani by al-Aloosi al-Baghdadi V13,P.31
42. Tafseer Rooh al-Bayan, by al-Barusi V8, P.311
43. Huliya ul-Awliya by Hafiz Abu Nu'aim al-Isfahani (RA)
44. Tareekh Medina Damishq by Ibn Asakir, P. 66.
45. Al-Tafseer al-Wazih by Dr. Muhammed Hijazi, V3, Part 25, P.21
46. Tas-heel al-Wusool ILA Ma'arfati Asbaab al-Nuzool, P.304 (And the Author writes that this verse revealed for Ahl ul-Bait and those, who help them)
47. Too many others.

The aim of this verse is **to will for the "Adoration" of the Progeny of Muhammed (SAWS)**, as comments Hafiz al-Kalbi (RA).

❖ Tafseer al-Kalbi, Part 4, P. 20

In addition to the above mentioned verse, I present below another Qur'anic verse, revealed for Adoration of the Progeny of Muhammed (SAWS) as reported by many eminent companions (RAA) and recorded by renowned commentators and the traditionalists. It's reported on the authority of Hadhrat Muhammed Ibn Ali "Ibn Hanafiyya (RAA) that he said while referring to the verse below (**Sura Mariam: 19:96**)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَيَجْعَلُ لَهُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ وُدًّا

Lo! those who believe and do good works, the Beneficent will appoint for them love

None can remain a believer unless having love in one's heart for Ali and his Progeny (RAA).

- 1) Tafseer al-Kashshaf by al-Zamakhshari, under the commentary of this Verse.
- 2) Riyadh al-Nadhra by Muhib al-Tabari, V3, P.179
- 3) Nuzm Durar al-Simtain by Hafiz al-Zarandi al-Hanafi, P.245

Reported by many traditionalists and the Qur'anic commentators on the authority of Hadrat Bara'a Bin Azab (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS said to Hadrat Ali Ibn Abi Talib (RA): Say O 'Ali! O Allah create for me the "Love" in the bosoms of the believers! In addition, at the same time, revealed this verse of Sura Mariam (19:96):

Lo! those who believe and do good works, the Beneficent will appoint for them love. The Holy Messenger (SAWS) said: **It refers to the true love in the bosoms of the believers.**

- 1) Tafseer al-Kashaf WA al-Bayan by al-Thala'bi, V6, P.233
- 2) Tafseer Fateh al-Bayan by Imam Siddique Hasan al-Bukhari, V4, P.322 {(on the authority of Hadrat Ibn Abbas (RA))}

In addition to these Qur'anic injunctions, there are numerous Prophetic traditions that ordain us to love the Progeny of the Prophet (SAWS) as the following, out of too many traditions demonstrate:

Reported by Imam Bukhari (RA) on the authority of Hadrat Abdullah Ibn Umar (RA) that the first caliph Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) used to say:

“Please Muhammad (i.e. the Prophet P.B.U.H.) by doing good to his family.”

- 1) Sahih Bukhari (Arabic-English), V5, P.67, H.No.94
- 2) Noor ul-Absaar, P.158
- 3) Musannaf Ibn Abi Shayba, V6, P.374, H.No.32140

Reported by Sabeeh, a servant to the Umm ul-Momineen Hadhrat Umm Salma (RA) on the authority of Hadrat Zaid Bin Arqam (RA) that the Holy Prophet (SAWS) addressing to **Ali, Fatima, Hasan and Hussain (RAA)** said:

I am in a state of war with the one, who is at war with you and likewise in a state of peace with the one, who is at peace with you'.

- 1) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.961, H.No.1350
- 2) Sunan Ibn Ma'aja, V1, P.52, H.No.145
- 3) Al-Jamie al-Sahih “Sunan al-Tirmizi”, V5, P.656, H.No. 3870
- 4) Sahih Ibn al-Habban, V8, P.61, H.No.6938
- 5) Musnad al-Bazzar, V10, P.228, H.No.4320
- 6) Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.149 and 161 (Hadith hasan as says Imam al-Hakim)
- 7) Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V2, P.343 (Imam al-Hakim says that this is an authentic tradition, according to the criteria set by Imam Muslim).
- 8) Manaqib Ibn Maghazili al-Shafaie, P.117, H. No. 117
- 9) Musannaf Ibn Abi Shayba, V6, P.378, H.No. 32181
- 10) Musnad Imam Ahmed V2, P.442
- 11) Muajjam al-Kabir al-Tabarani V3, P.30,40 and 149 and V5, P.184
- 12) Muajjam al-Awsat al-Tabarani, V5, P. 182 and V7, P.197
- 13) Tafseer al-Kashaf WA al-Bayan by Imam al-Tha'alabi, V8, P.311
- 14) Majma' al-Zawa'id, by al-Haythami, V9, P.121 and 168

- 15) Sahih al-Jamie al-Saghir by al-Bani, V2, P.17, H.No.1475 (Allama Mohammed Nasiruddin al-Bani declared this Hadith "Hasan")
- 16) Siyer A'alam al-Nubla by al-Dhahabi, V2, P.122
- 17) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.62
- 18) Nuzm Durar al-Simtain by Hafiz al-Zarandi, P.291

It is reported on the authority of Hadrat Abdullah Ibn al-Abbas (RAA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **Love Allah for His blessings upon you, and love me for the sake of Allah's love and love my progeny (Ahl ul-Bait) for the sake of my Love.**

- 1) Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.149 (An authentic tradition, as declared by Imam al-Hakim)
- 2) Al-Jamie al-Sahih "Sunan al-Tirmizi", V5, P.622, H.No. 3789 (Sahih)
- 3) Al-Ma'arfat WA al-Tareekh by al-Qaswi, V1, P.269
- 4) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.50
- 5) Nuzm Durar al-Simtain by Hafiz al-Zarandi, P.289

Reported by Muhib al-Tabari on the authority of Hadrat Jabir Bin Abdullah al-Ansari (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said:

None, but a pious believer will love us Ahl ul-Bait (the progeny of Muhammad), and none, but a scoundrel hypocrite will hate us Ahl ul-Bait!

- 1) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani
- 2) Majma al-Zawaid by al-Haythemi, V9, P.132
- 3) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.51
- 4) Al-Mulla in his seera as quoted by Muhib al-Tabari

It has been reported on the authority of Hadrat Abi Said al-Khudri (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **Do not hate anyone of us Ahl ul-Bait (the Progeny of Muhammad), no doubt! The one who has hatred towards us, Allah shall surely throw the same into the Hell.**

- 1) Siyer A'alam al-Nubla by al-Dhahabi, V2, P.123
- 2) Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.150 (Reported through two chains of narrators, and both traditions are authentic as Imam al-Hakim says)
- 3) Talkhees al-Mustadarak by al-Dhahabi, V3, P.150 (Hadith Sahih)
- 4) Sahih Ibn Habbab, V8, P.61, H.No. 6939
- 5) Manaqib by Ibn Maghazili al-Shafaie, V.120, H.No.94

Reported by many distinguished Hadith-Scholars on the authority of Hadrat Abu Sae'ed al-Khudri (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said:

'One, who hates us Ahl ul-Bait (the progeny of Muhammad), is surely a Hypocrite!

- 1) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.821, H.No.1126
- 2) Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.150 (Imam Hakim says this tradition is authentic and reported it with more words on the authority of Hadrat Abu Sae'ed (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah said: *By the one, in whose hand my soul is; none but whose destination is Hell, will hate anyone of us Ahl ul-Bait*)
- 3) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.51
- 4) Manaqib by Imam Ahmed as quoted in
- 5) Tafseer Dhurr al-Manthour by al-Suyuti, V6, P7

Reported by Muhib al-Tabari on the authority of Hadrat Jabir Bin Abdullah al-Ansari (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said:

None, but a pious believer will love us Ahl ul-Bait (the progeny of Muhammad), and none, but a scoundrel hypocrite will hate us Ahl ul-Bait!

- 5) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani
- 6) Majma al-Zawaid by al-Haythemi, V9, P.132
- 7) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.51
- 8) Al-Mulla in his seera as quoted by Muhib al-tabari

A number of traditionalists have recorded, on the authority of Abu al-Tufail that he said: I saw Hadrath Abu Dharr al-Ghiffari (RA) while standing near the door, call out: No doubt! Whosoever knows me, has known me and to the one who does not know me, let me tell that I am Abu Dharr Jandab the companion of the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) and that I heard Him (SAWS) say:

My progeny is similar to the Ark of Noah (AS), whosoever embarked it, achieved salvation and whosoever abandoned it, was sunk and lost

- 1) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.987, H.No.1402
- 2) Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V2, P. 343 and V3, P.150 (Authentic on the criteria set by Imam Muslim)
- 3) Al-Ma'arifa WA al-Tareekh by al-Qaswi, V1, P. 296
- 4) Musannaf Ibn Abi Shayba, V6, P.372
- 5) Musnad al-Bazzar, V9, P. 343, H.No.3900
- 6) Mutalib ul-Aliya by Ibn Hajar al-Asqalani, V4, P.75, H.No. 4003 (Declared Has an)
- 7) Al-Muajjam al-Kabeer by al-Tabarani, V3, P. 37-38, H.Nos. 2636-2638 and V12, P. 34, H. No.1238
- 8) Manaqib by Ibn Maghazili al-Shafa'ie, P.187-190, H.Nos. 173-177 (through various chains of different narrators)
- 9) Al-Muajjam al-Sagheer by al-Tabarani V1, P. 139 and V2, P. 22
- 10) Hulyat ul-Awliya by Abu Nua'im V4, P.306
- 11) Kitab al-Amtha'al by Abi Sheikh al-Asbahani, P.247, H.No.333
- 12) Meezan al-Aitdaal by Al-Dhahabi, V2

- 13) Nuzm Durar al-Simtain by Hafiz al-Zarandi, P.293
- 14) Majma al-Zawaid by al-Haythemi, V9, P.168
- 15) Also in Musnad Abu Ya'ala al-Muwasalli and Faidh al-Qadeer

And with addition, as reported below by Hafiz al-Tabarani and Ibn Abi Shayba:

My family is same as the Ark of Noah (AS), whosoever embarked it, achieved salvation and whosoever abandoned it, was sunk and lost. In addition, it is similar to the Gate of Banu Israel, whosoever entered through it, was forgiven!

- 1) Musannaf Ibn Abi Shayba, V6, P.372
- 2) Al-Muajjam al-Sagheer by al-Tabarani V1, P. 139 and V2, P. 22
- 3) Nuzm Durar al-Simtain by Hafiz al-Zarandi, P.293
- 4) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.145
- 5) Swaique al-Muharriqua, P. 225

Recorded al-Qaswi through many chains of narrators, and other noted traditionalists that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **My family is same as the Ark of Noah (AS), whoever embarked it, achieved salvation and whoever left it, was sunk and lost. Moreover, our killers, in the last of the times shall surely be killed with al-Dajjal.**

- 1) Al-Ma'arifa WA al-Tareekh by al-Qaswi, V1, P. 296
- 2) Musnad Bazzar, V9, P. 343, H.No.3900
- 3) Manaqib by Ibn Maghazili al-Shafa'ie, P.188, H.No.177

In addition, in his 'Musannaf' the Imam Ibn Abi Shayba (RA) and many great traditionalists (Ahadith-Scholars) have recorded it on the authority of Hadrat Abu Huraira (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said for Hasan and Hussain (RAA): **O Allah! I love them, thou too love them both i.e. Hasan and Hussain.**

- 1) Sahih al-Bukhari, as quoted in Sahih Muslim (English), V4, P. 1293, under the Footnote No.2713. As "in *Sahih Bukhari*, it is for both Hasan and Husain that the Holy prophet (may peace be upon him) made this observation and the words are, **"O Allah, behold! I love them both, love them too** (chapter pertaining to the merits of Hasan and Husain)."
- 2) Musannaf Ibn Abi Shayba, V6, P.378, H.No.32175
- 3) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.963, H.No.1352 (the chain of narrators is trustworthy and tradition is authentic)
- 4) Musnad Imam Ahmed, V5, P.205 and P.210 (and he reported it through two chains of narrators)
- 5) Al-Jamie al-Sahih "Sunan al-Tirmizi", V5, P.614, H.No. 3769 (Sahih)
- 6) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.39

It is reported on the authority of Hadrat Abu Huraira (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **One, who loved them both i.e. Hasan and Hussain, has truly**

loved me and the one, who hated them both, has truly hated me.

- 1) Sunan al-Kubra by Imam Nisa'i, V7, P.317, H.No.8112
- 2) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Nisa'i, P.20, H.No.65
- 3) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.967, H.No.1359, P.975, H.No.1376 and P.976, H.No.1378 (the narrators are trustworthy and hadith is authentic)
- 4) Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.166 and P.171 (narrators are trustworthy and hadith is authentic, as says Imam al-Hakim)
- 5) Talkhis al-Mustadarak by al-Dhahabi, V3, P.166 (Authenticated by al-Dhahabi)
- 6) Musnad Imam Ahmed, V2, P.288 and P.440
- 7) Majma al-Zawaid by Ibn Hajar al-Haythemi, V9, P.179 (the narrators are trustworthy as says Imam al-Haythemi)
- 8) Sahih Ibn Habban, V9, P. 57, H.No. 6928
- 9) Sunan Ibn Ma'aja, V1, P.51, H.No. 143 (the narrators are authentic)
- 10) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.41
- 11) Silsila al-Ahadith as-Sahihah by al-Bani, P.663, H.No.3580

Reported by Imam Nisa'i (RA), Imam Ahmed Bin Hanbal (RA) and so many others on the authority of Hadrat Huzaifa Bin al-Yaman (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **'Descended an angel of the angels from the heaven, who did never visit the earth before tonight; and sought the permission from Allah (SWT) to greet me. Then gave me the glad tiding that al-Hasan and Hussain are Chiefs of the youth of the Paradise and Fatima (RA) is Chief of the women of the Paradise.**

- 1) Al-Jamie al-Sahih "Sunan al-Tirmizi", V5, P.619, H.No.3781 (the narrators are trustworthy as says Imam al-Tirmizi)
- 2) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Nisa'i, P.58, H.No.193 and P.76, H.No.260
- 3) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.990, H.No.1406 (the narrators are trustworthy and authentic)
- 4) Musnad Imam Ahmed, V5, P.391
- 5) Tareekh al-Kabir by Imam al-Bukhari (compiler of Sahih al-Bukhari), V1, P.232 (on the authority of Hadrat Abu Huraira)
- 6) Sahih Ibn Khoziema, V2, P.206
- 7) Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.151 (Through two chains of narrators, Imam al-Hakim recorded this tradition and declared authentic)
- 8) Sunan al-Kubra by Imam al-Nisa'i, V7, P.391, H.No.8307
- 9) Al-Khasais by Imam Nisa'i, P.102, H.No.130
- 10) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V22, P.403, H.No.1006 (on the authority of Hadrat Abu Huraira)
- 11) Sahihah by the great research scholar Sheikh Mohammed Nasiruddin al-Bani, V2, P.430 (and he declared it authentic, as the narrators are trustworthy)

Reported by Hadrat Ya'ala al-A'amri (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said for Hussain (RA): **'Hussain is part of me, I am part of him, and Allah loves the**

one, who loves Hussain, as he is a **Chosen tribe from amongst the tribes.**

- 1) Al-Jamie al-Sahih "Sunan al-Tirmizi", V5, P.617, H.No. 3775 (Sahih)
- 2) Sahih Ibn Habbab, V8, P. 59, H.No. 6932
- 3) Musannaf Ibn Abi Shayba, V6, P.380, H.No.32196
- 4) Sunan Ibn Ma'aja, V1, P.No.51, H.No. 144 (the narrators are authentic)
- 5) Al-Firdaus Bi al-Mathour by al-Dailami, V2, P.158, H.No.2805
- 6) Nuzm Durar al-Simtain by Hafiz al-Zarandi, P.266

Well! **"Chosen tribe from amongst the tribes"** was a promise made by the Holy God to the Prophet Abraham (AS) to make the Prophet Ishmael (AS) a Great Nation (Tribe) as recorded in the Holy Bible, Ch. 17, Book of Genesis (OT) under verse No. 20:

"And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; **twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation**". {OT, Genesis, 17:20}

Finally, loving Muhammed (SAWS) and his Progeny (RAA) in this mortal life is to achieve Salvation in immortal life hereafter as numerous Ahadith demonstrate:

One who dies with love of the progeny of Muhammad died as a Martyr. One who dies with love of the progeny of Muhammad died forgiven. No doubt! The one who dies with love of the progeny of Muhammad died repented. Behold! One, who dies with love of the progeny of Muhammad, died a believer with a perfect belief. And no doubt! The one who dies with love of the progeny of Muhammad, the angle of death gives him the glad tiding of Paradise, and so do the Munkar and Nakeer. . Verily one, who dies with love of the progeny of Muhammad, has truly died on **Sunnah** and **Jama'a**.

- 1) Tafsir al-Kabir, by Imam Fakhr al-Razi, under the commentary of Verse 42:23.
- 2) Tafsir al-Kashshaf, by al-Zamakhshari, under 42:23, P.405
- 3) Tafsir al-Kashaf WA al-Bayan by Imam al-Tha'labi, V8, P.314
- 4) Noor al-Absaar, P.159
- 5) Tafseer "Jamie Ahkam al-Quran by al-Qurtubi, V2, P.2741 (commentary 42:23)
- 6) Tafseer Rooh al-Bayan, V8, P.312

May Allah (SWT) bless Muhammad, His Progeny and the Companions Tayyabeen al Tahiriin.

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